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SUBJECT: REPATRIATION OF BENGALIS AND PAKISTANIS

FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF DEPARTMENT PRESS RELEASE BEING ISSUED
NOVEMBER 6.

BEGIN TEXT. THE UNITED STATES WILL CONTRIBUTE DOLLARS
2 MILLION TOWARD SUPPORT OF A MASSIVE TWO-WAY AIRLIFT OF
REFUGEES BETWEEN BANGLADESH AND PAKISTAN, THE DEPARTMENT
OF STATE ANNOUNCED TODAY.

THE U.S. CONTRIBUTION, AUTHORIZED BY PRESIDENT NIXON,
RESPONDS TO APPEALS FROM UNITED NATIONS SECRETARY GENERAL
KURT WALDHEIM AND SADRUDDIN AGA KHAN, U.N. HIGH COM-
MISSIONER FOR REFUGEES (UNHCR).

THE AIRLIFT IS A DIRECT RESULT OF THE DELHI AGREEMENT OF
AUGUST 28, 1973, UNDER WHICH MORE THAN 200,000 PERSONS
ARE TO BE REPATRIATED OR RESETTLED. ABOUT 50,000 PERSONS
HAVE BEEN MOVED TO DATE, AT THE RATE OF APPROXIMATELY 800
A DAY.

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PLEDGES, INCLUDING THE U.S. CONTRIBUTION, AMOUNT TO
DOLLARS 5.7 MILLION; OTHER CONTRIBUTORS THUS FAR INCLUDE
AUSTRALIA, DENMARK, JAPAN, LIECHTENSTEIN, THE NETHERLANDS,
NORWAY, SWEDEN AND TURKEY. EAST GERMANY AND THE SOVIET
UNION BILATERALLY, AND THE UNITED KINGDOM THROUGH THE
UNHCR, HAVE CONTRIBUTED THE USE OF AIRCRAFT.

THE MOVEMENT IS UNDER THE DIRECTION OF THE UNHCR ASSISTED
BY THE INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE OF THE RED CROSS (ICRC).
PRESIDENT NIXON'S DETERMINATION ORDER WAS MADE UNDER
PROVISIONS OF THE MIGRATION AND REFUGEE ASSISTANCE ACT
OF 1962. THE UNITED STATES WILL MAINTAIN A CONTINUING
INTEREST IN THE SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION OF THIS IMPORTANT
HUMANITARIAN UNDERTAKING AND WILL CONSIDER ADDITIONAL
SUPPORT IN RELATION TO NEEDS AS THEY ARISE, AND TO THE
CONTRIBUTIONS OF OTHER NATIONS. END TEXT. KISSINGER

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